

PROCLAMATION
BY THE
Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

June 17, 1977

As provided under the provisions of Section 14, Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Texas, I disapprove of S.B. 440 and am filing same with the Secretary of State setting forth the following objections:

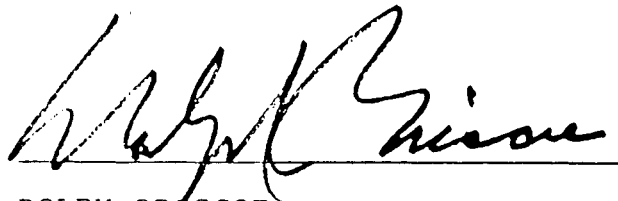
I disapprove of Senate Bill No. 440 which would license and regulate speech pathologists and audiologists.

My concern for controlling the size and expense of state government requires that a bill creating a new state agency, in this case the State Committee of Examiners for Speech Pathology and Audiology, be necessary to correct an abuse. I believe that any abuses that exist within the fields of speech pathology and audiology are not of the degree that require the creation of a new regulatory state agency.

I doubt whether S.B. 440 would, if signed into law, adequately control any existing abuses in these fields since numerous exemptions from coverage are in the bill, and very few persons would be covered.

Currently, the Texas Board of Examiners in the Fitting and Dispensing of Hearing Aids is the state licensing agency in this field, and no abuse of their function has been demonstrated.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the seal of the State of Texas to be affixed hereto at Austin, Texas, the 17th day of June, 1977.



DOLPH BRISCOE
Governor of Texas

MARK WHITE
Secretary of State